

Please substitute the following claim 26 for the pending claim 26:

26. (Once amended) The method of claim 24, wherein said animal cell is a mammalian cell or a cell line derived therefrom.

Please substitute the following claim 28 for the pending claim 28:

28. (Once amended) A kit for culturing a cell, comprising one or more containers containing an automatically pH-adjusting dry powdered culture medium prepared according to the method of any one of claims 1, 2, 3 or 9.

Please add the following claim:

44. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein said animal cell is a mammalian cell or a cell line derived therefrom.